



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
1:00 p.m.
at the
Emergency Resource Management
1116 Portland-Cobalt Rd. (Rte. 66), Portland, CT

POC: Charlee Tufts, Chairperson
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Present: Charlee Tufts, Bob Ziegler, Doug Dole, Judi Reynolds, David Bailey, Jonathan Lillpopp.
Guest: Chief Stephen Pendl.

Called to order at 1310 hours.

Minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting: Verbal report provide by Jonathan Lillpopp.

Chairperson report: Charlee Tufts Nothing to report since last meeting.

Committee discussion:

The regional EMS coordinator positions have been a priority for the Ct EMS Advisory Board. Charlee requested that it be added to the list of initiatives. The Connecticut EMS Chiefs Association has it as one of their legislative agenda items.

- Continuity of patient care: Chief Pendl was asked to come discuss the issues that the fire service had concerning the proposed legislation. Discussion included having a reference to the incident command structure, the highest ranking officer in the command structure, the conformity with the unified command structure, and NIMS. Other topics included the medical-legal issues of liability, completion of ePCRs, and documentation for the patient care provided. The committee consensus was to draft new language taking the above suggestions into consideration. Chief Pendl will be copied on any new drafts.
- Background checks (language continuing to be developed): The details of how the ABCMS system in use at DPH functions was researched. The branch chief indicated that EMS could not plug into that system due to specific funding criteria. Discussed other states' systems, including Michigan, South Carolina, and New York. Consensus was to borrow language from multiple states for Connecticut. The exclusionary criteria needs to be developed, with a goal of assuring some very specific infractions are not allowed EMS certification. Discussed the range of providers to be included, who has access to vulnerable populations, and the cost-benefit of all providers having checks. Also discussed "point-of-hire" checks instead of initial application checks.
- Advisory board membership: Still good to go.
- Easing of body armor restrictions (language already drafted): No more work is needed on the language. The previously proposed language should be submitted to the legislative public health committee. Would like to add firefighters to the language, maybe see which legislator opposed this and why.

- Regional coordinator positions being made permanent: Need to continue to develop the language and work on this. It would be helpful to know how many personnel there were in the OEMS after 09/11/2001 and how many there are now.

Meeting schedule: A meeting will be held after the Advisory Board on November 19, 2014. The schedule for during the legislative session will be developed. Chief Pendl needs to be added to the email distribution list.

Adjourned: 1500 hours.

Meeting Schedule as outlined above:

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 1300 ERM
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 ERM
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 ERM

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1130
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 1130 Hunter's
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1130 CHA
(Dates are per the published CEMSAB schedule)